

BUCKLAND 4-H MEMBERS LEARN IVORY CARVING

Young 4-H members in Buckland enjoy learning to carve ivory. Guided by David Thomas and Minnie Thomas as leaders, this 4-H Club of eleven members have had an interesting year not only with ivory carving, but with making nets, raising gardens, and learning to sew.

Clarence Thomas, 14, says he is interested in learning more about carving and wants to learn how to make an Eskimo drum and a skin wallet. Roy Thomas, 11, and Percy Ballot, 12, also say they want to learn more about ivory carving.

They used some modern tools, such as rock saws, files, knives and drills. Frederick Armstrong says, "We learned in carving we have to work careful."

Most of the group carved ivory letter openers as a beginning project. All members planted and raised garden produce, two members report making fishnets, and the two girls, Dorcas Thomas, 12, and Linda Armstrong, 10, are learning to sew.

Members of this industrious 4-H Club are:

Linda Armstrong, Dorcas Thomas,

Ralph Geary, Arthur Bernnet, Ernest Thomas, Percy Ballot, Frederick Armstrong, Delbert Thomas, Lester Hadley, Roy Thomas and Clarence Thomas.

Such leaders as David and Minnie Thomas are not only giving of their time to teach youth in Buckland useful new skills, but are helping them to appreciate and retain the fine old crafts and ways of doing things typical of the Eskimo Culture.

Through 4-H Club work, too, these young people are learning to conduct their own meetings, assume the responsibilities of club officers, work together as a group.